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Will these flicks reel you in?

2014 offers a bounty of films, from the now-standard superhero fare to the return of Veronica Mars **PAGES 11 & 12**

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FEELING THE SQUEEZE?

Tanya Appel, a mother and member of the parent council at Le Roi Daniels School, is seen out front of the building Thursday. The school is among the fullest in the entire Calgary Board of Education, however, it seems no area of the city is immune to the classroom cramping that has come with rapid growth in student numbers and a struggle to keep pace with infrastructure. To see how every school in the city fares when it comes to capacity issues, turn to page 4. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Calgarians flock to get their flu vaccinations

Immunization. Flu surge spurs hour-long waits outside clinics

Flu-fearing Calgarians flocked to the city's two mass immunization clinics Thursday amid an illness outbreak that has seen at least five Albertans die.

Vinita Bhargava and his family braced the hour-long lineup at Brentwood Village Shopping Centre to get vaccinated.

The Bhargavas routinely get the flu shots, but the Calgary father stressed the importance of getting vaccinated this year given the re-emergence of the H1N1 strain of influenza.

"This is all science," said Bhargava, after rolling up his sleeve at Brentwood Village



Hundreds of Calgarians braved hour-long waits to get their flu shot at Brentwood Village Shopping Centre on Thursday.

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Mall.

"I just want to make sure we're protected."

Alberta Health Services has reported 357 lab-confirmed cases of influenza in the Calgary Zone and more than 600 more in the rest of Alberta as of Jan. 1, most of which are classified under the so-called Swine Flu strain.

Judy MacDonald, AHS medical officer of health, called the recent figures the "tip of the iceberg" while also pointing at media attention for an uptick in the number of people getting checked out by physicians.

"We expect that there's much more influenza circulating in our communities," MacDonald told reporters.

So far, two Calgarians and three Edmontonians have reportedly died from influenza this year. About 103 Calgarians have wound up in hospital, as well, according to the AHS update provided Thursday.

Mass immunization clinics will be set up at Brentwood Village Mall and the South Calgary Health Centre from Jan. 2 to 8 from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (except Sunday and Monday.)

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Service. City's makeup has changed since last late-night transit trial

About the last time buses and CTrains ran late on New Year's Eve, Calgary housed 128,000 fewer residents, the transit system served roughly 30 million fewer people and Calgary's inner-city pub-and-club scene was still evolving.

While there's been much uproar recently over extending transit service on the notoriously boozy day, the executive director of the Calgary Downtown Association says there's an issue the other 364 days of the year, too.

Maggie Schofield pointed to the rise of two bars on Stephen Avenue (West Restaurant and Bar and Flames Central) as examples of places that serve and employ thousands of Calgarians who are increasingly turning to transit first. "We've been really pushing hard for the city to look carefully on what the late-night economy means to Calgary," she said Thursday.

Late-night service is being reviewed in 2014, a Calgary Transit spokesman confirmed. It would cost \$350,000 to extend transit service to 2 a.m. system-wide and have bus connections at CTrain stations on NYE, according to the transit department. That's not including associated costs such as maintenance, cleaning, fleet and infrastructure damage.

Inner-city Coun. Evan Woolley acknowledged his ward's transportation woes, but contends fixing a "broken" taxi system would be more cost-effective after being told only about 2,000 people would use the extended late-night service. "When you break it down to 175 bucks per head — that's too much money.... Most of those cab rides are max 50 bucks." **BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO**



Late-night bar patrons have repeatedly complained in recent years that not enough cabs work Calgary's streets after the sun sets. METRO FILE

City warns rogue cabbies could face judge, big fines

Taxi turmoil. Manager says peak-hour 'on-demand' limo service could aid cab crunch



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City officials are warning they will slap stiff penalties on Calgary motorists working as unlicensed cabbies and could even force them to explain their actions to a judge.

Marc Halat, Calgary's livery services manager, said the fines for acting as a so-called "gypsy" or "rogue" cabbie are "grotesque" at \$1,500 per infraction, of which there could be

multiple found in a single case. "We have a covert operation where we will set these drivers up by calling and catching them in the act," Halat said Thursday.

Operating a cab without a proper licence violates Calgary's livery transport services bylaw, yet Metro spoke with a number of Calgary motorists Sunday who claimed they'd offered rides home to New Year's Eve revellers in exchange for a fare.

Their efforts came amid a firestorm of criticism online from residents complaining about a lack of cabs and late-night transit service to transport them home on the busiest party night of the year.

Halat said the city has charged some unlicensed cab-

Unlicensed? Unwanted

The city says chief concerns with motorists acting as unlicensed cabbies are dangers associated with picking up strangers, the potential for a lack of proper vehicle insurance in the case of a collision and safety shortcomings on the vehicles being used.

"We know it happens a lot and it's got to stop," he said.

But Halat said he expects his department will thoroughly examine turning luxury vehicles to an "on-demand" system during peak periods, namely Friday and Saturday nights as well as New Year's Eve and during the Calgary Stampede.

His comments came as music to the ears of Cam Naghshineh, general manager of Allied Limousine. He believes allowing limos some flexibility in the rates they charge could entice more luxury drivers to work part-time at night.

"I think it's the only solution.... When we need them (drivers) they're there and when we don't they're not," he said.

bies in the past as well as limo sedan drivers operating in a manner similar to taxis, another violation of the bylaw. During last year's Stampede, he said 17 luxury drivers were caught failing to charge their customers the minimum \$78.30 fee.

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Calling all classrooms: Schools at capacity in all areas of city

'Horror stories'

Analysis reveals 90 CBE schools full, but province says more projects coming



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Tanya Appel loves her kids' school; it's the drive she can't stand.

Her two youngsters were originally supposed to attend classes in their home community of McKenzie Towne, but a planned facility was never built.

Quoted

"I have heard the horror stories at other schools.... I don't think in a city with our wealth and our infrastructure that we should be in this situation."

Tanya Appel, who serves on the parent council at Le Roi Daniels School

Instead, she now drives them north to a traditional learning program at Le Roi Daniels School, spending up to 50 minutes in traffic during the morning rush. Even still, Appel counts her family among the lucky ones, noting Le Roi has turned to a lottery system to determine future enrolment as it currently houses 474 students this fall and was designed to only accommodate 372.

In fact, school officials have said that, ideally, schools would never exceed 85 per cent capacity to save room for areas like gymnasiums and libraries — Le Roi is currently 42 per cent over that target.

But Appel, who serves on the school's parent council, commended efforts by her peers to make due, as the school has transformed its smaller of two gyms into a "learning commons" complete with a library, computer lab and small performance stage.

"We have utilized that space very well," she said, before adding, "I have heard the horror stories at other schools ... from a parent perspective, it's very disheartening. I don't think in a city with our wealth and our infrastructure that we should be in this situation."

Metro analyzed the Calgary Board of Education's 2013-14 enrolment report and de-

veloped a colour-coded map to better understand capacity issues being faced at its more than 200 facilities. The results gave clear indication that no one area is fully immune to crowded classrooms, hallways and playgrounds. A total of 90 buildings reported being "full" at 85 per cent capacity or higher this past fall semester and 20 more are verging on that threshold. Thirty-nine schools were over 100 per cent full while just 10 reported being less than half full. The fullest CBE school is Chris Akkerman Elementary, which operates at 142 per cent capacity.

Everett said the development of learning commons much like the project at Le Roi, are becoming common practice at schools coping with space crunches. "We rethink dedicated spaces," she said. "For an example, with music teachers, people are used to a music room but sometimes the music teacher is a travelling road show ... as opposed to having a dedicated space."

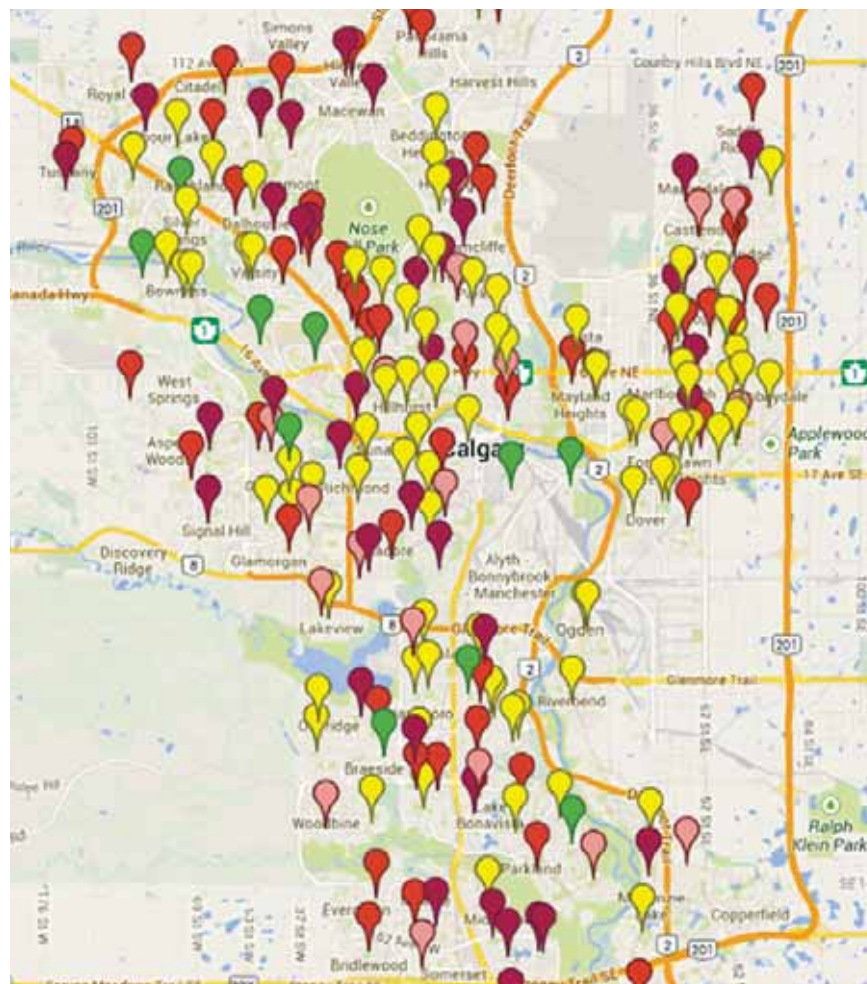
Education Minister Jeff Johnson has also said school boards should be looking at their own ways to generate infrastructure funds by selling off or leasing excess space, but Appel pointed out that while general sentiment has indicated inner-city schools are living large with space to spare, Le Roi is only located just south of Glenmore Trail. "It's practically in the inner-city," she said.

At an announcement for a new elementary school for the Calgary Catholic School District in December — the separate board actually reports an even higher systemwide school capacity than the CBE — Johnson reassured that assistance is on the way.

"I think there will be lots of happy communities right across the province and, I think, lots of communities will be relieved they chose Alison Redford as our premier," he said at the time.

Online

For an interactive map breaking down each CBE school's 2013-14 capacity, head to metronews.ca.



This map colour codes every Calgary Board of Education school based on their 2013-14 capacity. Schools in green are less than 50 per cent full — Education Minister Jeff Johnson said in May schools in this category are good for space leasing or being sold off to raise funds for new buildings. Yellow markers identify schools between 51-79 per cent full. The light red-pink schools are verging on being full at 80-84 per cent. (CBE systemwide capacity has surged four per cent in the past three years.) Light red school schools are considered full and sit between 85-99 per cent capacity while dark red-purple schools are more than 100 per cent full. PHOTO GRAPHIC BY JEREMY NOLAIS

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Jamie McDonald

Assault in Banff uncommon: Police

Banff RCMP say it's unusual for a visitor to get mugged in the mountain town following high-profile allegations involving a British marathoner.

A day after Jamie McDonald drew international headlines for alleging he was beaten amid a celebratory stop on his cross-Canada charity trek, a local officer told Metro that Banff isn't a hotbed for such alleged violence — even on New Year's Eve.

"I wouldn't say it's a very common situation that happens here," Cpl. Kevin Graff said Thursday.

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Signs cause trouble

Wildrose wants \$1M paid back

The Opposition says Alberta's governing Progressive Conservative party should be forced to repay more than \$1 million in taxpayer money spent on signs touting building projects in the province.

The Wildrose party says the signs, in Progressive Conservative colours and featuring Premier Alison Redford's name, are nothing more than partisan politician advertising.

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Calgary pair in custody

Alleged crime spree halted

Two Calgarians are in custody in Manitoba after an alleged string of stolen vehicles, break and enters and a police pursuit across two Prairie provinces.

A 42-year-old man and 33-year-old woman, both from Calgary, were taken into custody. METRO

Impaired driving

Charges in New Year's Day crash

Police have charged a Calgary man with impaired driving after a collision that sent three to hospital and shut down Metis Trail temporarily on New Year's Day.

Kulwinder Singh Chohan, 36, faces multiple charges.

One person remains in life-threatening condition in hospital. METRO

HERE'S HOPING FOR THESE 2014 CALGARY HEADLINES



IN DEFENCE OF
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I'll let you in on a little secret about being a columnist at Metro. I never get to pick the headline for my own column. Not that I'd want to — the guys who do are great at it — but I've always envied them because the headline is often the most important part.

With 2014 just a few days old, there's no telling what this year will bring for Calgary. But that doesn't mean we can't hope for what is to come in this city, which is why I thought I'd write about some of the headlines I hope to see in 2014.

City Council decides that working together is best

OK, maybe last year's election got a little more tense than it should have. Secret videos, recounts and shocking wins all accounted for an esteem-deflated council, with many wounds left to be licked. But it's a new year, what better time to stop looking behind and start looking ahead? Check your egos

(and agendas) at the door and start working together.

Calgary Transit speeds ahead to the 21st century

If my editor would let me, I'd dedicate an entire year's worth of columns to the city's least innovative department. With a smartphone-compatible website not coming until at least 2016, Calgary Transit has a long road ahead of it this year.

So let's start with the easy things: adjusted times to accommodate special events at the Saddledome and days like New Year's Eve, discounted fares during non-peak hours and fully functional security cameras at every station. (During their recent Undercover Boss Canada episode, they said this was a big problem.) But who are we kidding? If the buses actually made it up a snowy hill, that'd be a massive improvement.

With months of normal weather, Environment Canada literally forgets about Calgary

After years of epic snowfalls, historic floods and damaging hailstorms, it looked like En-

Transit wish list

Who are we kidding? If the buses actually made it up a snowy hill, that'd be a massive improvement.

vironment Canada was simply going to pack up their Quebec-based operations and move to Calgary. But maybe this year will finally be the year where Calgarians get a break. Maybe we will have an OK winter. Some snow, but not too much. Then spring comes on time (not in June), with a warm, pleasant and dry summer right behind it. It says a lot about Calgary weather when being normal is all we ask.

City's independent movie theatres can't keep up with demand

This is a little wishful thinking on my part. I'd love for Calgarians to realize that with cheaper prices, better movies and a not-cool-enough atmosphere for noisy teenagers, places like The Plaza and The Globe are just waiting for our support.

Elbow Park students heading to new school

Roughly 200 flood-displaced Calgary students will move into a modular school Monday, four months after officials had originally hoped the facility would be ready.

Elbow Park School was rocked by June's historic flood and the building may be completely demolished due to structural damage caused by a lake that formed underneath.

Students from the school were housed temporarily at the vacant Eugene Coste School after plans for a replacement modular facility faced repeated delays.

Calgary Board of Education officials originally expressed hope the province would have the modular ready for the start of classes in September.

Even still, parent council head Nathan MacBey said Thursday he was impressed with how quickly the project was completed.

"The provincial government has done really good rectifying any of the shortcomings of the folks that were building it ... it has only been six months since



The modular school that will house Elbow Park students, constructed in the field of Earl Grey School. It will open its doors to students Monday. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

our school flooded," he said.

But the Earl Grey facility hasn't come without its share of controversy as some questioned why Elbow Park's students couldn't simply remain at Eugene Coste and why the temporary modular facility was coming complete with a \$1 million gymnasium that, to date, remains under construction.

CBE officials confirmed in an email Thursday the modular

will open when classes return for all students Monday.

Trustee chair Sheila Taylor, who represents Elbow Park families, said the construction came during a difficult time in many areas of the province. She deemed Monday's opening "very exciting."

"At this point, I'm just happy to see the kids moving in — that we're moving on," Taylor said. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

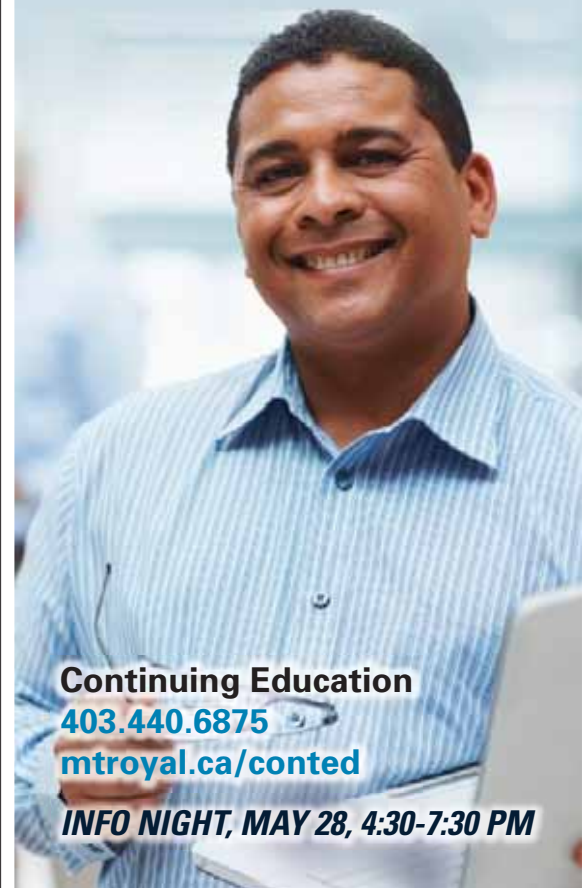


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Ice-trapped ship passengers rescued

Safe and sound. Three icebreakers failed at reaching ship trapped in the Antarctic since Christmas Eve

All 52 passengers trapped for more than a week on an ice-bound Russian research ship in the Antarctic were rescued Thursday when a Chinese helicopter swooped in and plucked them from the ice a dozen at a time.

The dramatic international rescue operation became possible once the weather finally cleared. Blinding snow, strong winds, fog and thick sea ice forced rescuers to turn back time and again.

The twin-rotor helicopter — its red and yellow colours contrasting starkly against the ice and snow — carried scientists and tourists from the Russian ship MV Akademik Shokalskiy to an Australian

icebreaker, according to the Australian Maritime Safety Authority's Rescue Coordination Centre, which oversaw the rescue.

At one point, the passengers linked arms and stomped out a landing site in the snow next to the Russian ship for the helicopter, which is based on a Chinese icebreaker.

The eagerly anticipated rescue came after days of failed attempts to reach the vessel, which was trapped since Christmas Eve.

The passengers were flown to an ice floe next to the Aurora Australis icebreaker and then taken by a small boat to the Australian ship, said expedition leader Chris Turney.

The Aurora will take the passengers to Tasmania, a two-week journey.

"I think everyone is relieved and excited to be going on to the Australian icebreaker and then home," said Turney.

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Passengers from a ship trapped in the Antarctic since Christmas Eve prepare to board a Chinese helicopter Thursday. ZHANG JIANSONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/XINHUA

Rwanda's ex-spy master found dead in Johannesburg



Rwanda's former spy chief, Patrick Karegeya, seen in an undated photo in Kigali, was found dead in a Johannesburg hotel Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The body of Rwanda's former spy chief was found, possibly strangled, in a hotel in South Africa, police said Thursday. Rwandan dissidents accused President Paul Kagame of ordering his assassination.

The suspicious death of Patrick Karegeya, a former Kagame ally who turned against him, follows a pattern of assassinations ordered by the Rwandan president, said

Theogene Rudasingwa of the opposition coalition Rwanda National Congress. Kagame's government vehemently denies it has targeted dissidents.

Karegeya's body was discovered in a room at Johannesburg's plush Michelangelo Towers hotel on New Year's Day, and many questions remain unanswered in a country with a high crime

rate.

"He was found in the hotel room dead on the bed," said a statement from South African police spokeswoman Lt. Col. Katlego Mogale. "A towel with blood and a rope were found in the hotel room safe. There is a possibility that he might have been strangled." She said a murder investigation has been opened in the death of the 53-year-old who

reportedly fled to South Africa in 2007.

Gunmen twice tried to kill Kagame's former chief of army staff, Lt. Gen. Kayumba Nyamwasa, while he was living in exile in Johannesburg in 2010. Nyamwasa told The Associated Press in 2012 that Kagame has hunted him and other dissidents around the world, "using hired killer squads." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. immigration

Undocumented immigrant gets law licence

The California Supreme Court granted a law licence on Thursday to a man living in the U.S. illegally who graduated law school and passed the state bar exam.

The decision allows Sergio Garcia to practise law despite his status.

Garcia had challenged a 1996 federal law barring people living in the U.S. illegally from receiving professional licences.

He arrived in the U.S. illegally 20 years ago to pick almonds with his father and worked at a grocery store and in the fields while attending school.

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NSA leaks

Newspapers call for clemency for Snowden

The New York Times and Guardian newspapers have called for clemency for Edward Snowden, saying that the espionage worker-turned-privacy advocate should be praised rather than punished.

The papers — both of which have played a role in publishing Snowden's intelligence trove — suggested late Wednesday that the former National Security Agency contractor's revelations about the United States' world-spanning espionage program were of such public importance that they outweighed any possible wrongdoing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egypt's turmoil

Cairo links 'confession' to suicide bombing

Egyptian authorities produced on Thursday what they said was a confession by the son of a senior Muslim Brotherhood member, trying to bolster accusations that the group has links to al-Qaida-inspired militants.

In a news conference, the interior minister aired the recording, said to be of Yahia Mongi, son of a Brotherhood lawmaker, in which he says he joined a militant group that took responsibility for a suicide bombing of a provincial security headquarters last month and other attacks.

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U.S. officials issue safety alert about Bakken oil

Flammability. Crude shipped from Bakken oil patch is potentially more volatile than the traditional variety

Following a string of explosive accidents, federal officials said Thursday that crude oil being shipped by rail from the Northern Plains across the U.S. and Canada may be

more flammable than traditional forms of oil.

A safety alert issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation warns the public, emergency responders and shippers about the potential high volatility of the crude being shipped from the Bakken oil shale patch in Montana and North Dakota.

The warning comes after the massive explosion caused by an oil train derailment on Monday near Casselton, N.D.

No one was hurt, but worries about toxic fumes prompted the evacuation of hundreds of residents.

The oil boom in the Bakken has reduced the nation's reliance on imported oil and brought thousands of jobs to the region. But as companies have increasingly relied on trains to get that oil to lucrative coastal markets, public safety in communities bisected by rail lines has become a major concern.

In July, 47 people were killed in Lac-Mégantic, Que., when a train carrying Bakken crude derailed. Another oil train derailed and exploded in Alabama in November, killing no one but releasing an estimated 749,000 gallons of oil from 26 tanker cars.

The amount of oil moved by rail has spiked since 2009, from just more than 10,000 tanker cars to a projected 400,000 cars in 2013.

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Ford more years for Toronto's mayor?

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford officially shows his passport to a city clerk Thursday, as he registered as a candidate for the city's 2014 municipal election in October. Toronto's troubled yet defiant mayor isn't allowing months of scandal to stop him from entering what's likely to be the most watched municipal race in the city's history. Rob Ford was first in line at city hall to sign up for the Oct. 27 mayoral election when the nomination period opened Thursday. He expressed confidence that he'll win "Ford More Years" in the top job, despite admitting to using crack cocaine in a "drunken stupor" and making a crude sexual comment on live TV, among other cringe-worthy incidents that have garnered international attention. VICTOR BIR0/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Poll

Young parents embrace flu shot

Increasing numbers of adults in their child-rearing years are becoming convinced that getting a flu shot is a good idea. A Harris/Decima poll found that those aged 18 to 34 and those with children in their households were the two demographics that had the highest rates of flu-shot converts than any other.

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Synthetic marijuana

Breaking Bad contest winner charged in drug op

Authorities say a Florida man who won a contest to watch the series finale of Breaking Bad with the cast has been charged with running a drug distribution op. Police say Ryan Lee Carroll was selling synthetic marijuana. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Former Israeli PM clings to life

'Turn for the worse.'

Doctors say Ariel Sharon, who has been in a coma for eight years, is in critical condition

Former Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon, who has been in

a coma for eight years, was in critical condition on Thursday, clinging to life after a decline in the functioning of various bodily organs, his doctors said.

Dr. Zeev Rotstein, director of Tel Hashomer hospital, said Sharon's condition had deteriorated over the past two days and that a number of vital organs, including his kidneys, were suffering from "critical

malfunction."

"He is in critical condition and his life is definitely in danger," Rotstein told reporters at the hospital, just outside Tel Aviv. "The feeling of the doctors treating him and also that of the family with him is that there is a turn for the worse."

Sharon's family are at his bedside, Rotstein said.

The 85-year-old Sharon,

one of Israel's most iconic and controversial figures, has been in a coma since suffering a devastating stroke in January 2006. At the time, he was prime minister and at the height of his political power.

Sharon's career has stretched across Israel's 65-year history.

He was elected prime minister in 2001. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Former Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE**

Syria. Russia, China to add security for chemical weapons removal plan

A spokesman for the joint Danish-Norwegian operation tasked with ferrying Syria's chemical weapons out of the strife-torn country says warships from Russia and China will provide additional security on the transport leg of the operation.

Maj. Eystein Kvarving says the Russian missile cruiser Peter the Great and a Chinese frigate won't be under Danish-Norwegian command, but will be co-

ordinating closely with it.

Cyprus' defence ministry on Wednesday identified the Chinese warship as the Yan Cheng.

Kvarving said two cargo ships and their warship escorts will set sail Thursday from the Cypriot port of Limassol to waters near Syria where they will wait for orders on when they can head to the Syrian port of Latakia to pick up more than 1,000 tons of chemical agents. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



In Portsmouth, Va., media photograph one of two systems capable of neutralizing Syria's chemical weapons aboard the MV Cape Ray. **STEVE HELBER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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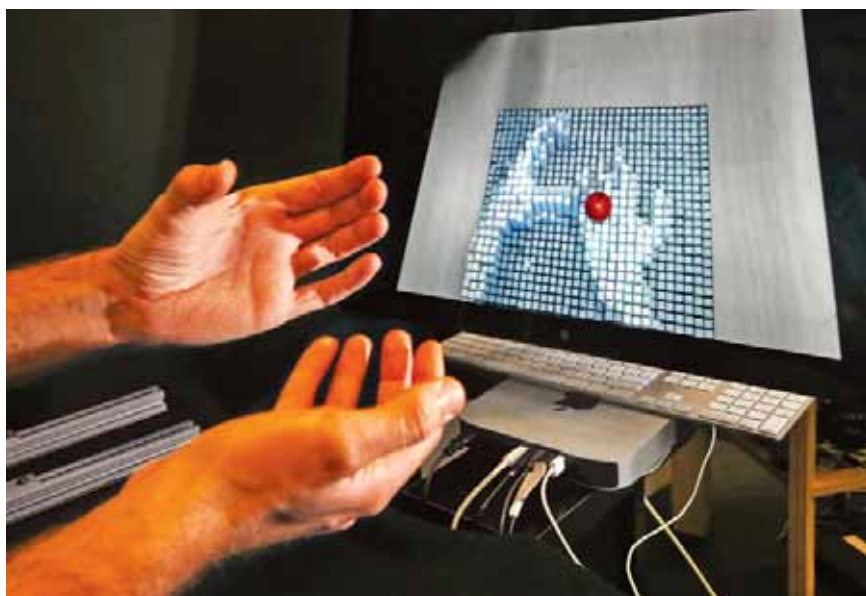
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MIT grad student Sean Follmer demonstrates inFORM technology on campus in Cambridge, Mass. Follmer, a researcher with MIT's Tangible Media Group, moves his hands in front of a depth-sensing camera which sends signals to a motorized pin screen in another location where a 3D image pops up to manipulate the red ball.
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Transporter? Almost

MIT. Researchers have found a way to render 3D images of people and things remotely

Researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have found a way to allow people in one place to

interact with 3D versions of people or objects in a different location.

MIT's Tangible Media Group calls the technology inFORM. A person in one location moves or puts an object in front of a depth-sensing camera. That camera sends signals to a motorized pin screen somewhere else and that's where the 3D im-

age pops up. If someone on camera is moving his hands, for example, that movement would show up on the pin screen in another location.

They hope the technology can eventually be used by urban planners and architects. It could also be used by doctors and others who need to look at CT scans.

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Privacy breach. Snapchat to issue more secure app

Snapchat says it plans to put out a more secure version of its application following a breach that allowed hackers to collect the usernames and phone numbers of some 4.6 million of its users.

The disappearing-message service popular with young people said in a blog post late Thursday that the updated version of its app would allow users to opt out of its "Find Friends" feature and would stem future attempts to abuse its service.

The breach occurred after



Snapchat CEO Evan Spiegel
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security experts warned the company at least twice about a vulnerability in its system.

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HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU, FUTURE

Looking backward with pride and forward with hope? Probably not, but I have peered deep into my crystal ball, emerging with a clear vision of the coming year.

The good news is, 2014 will likely not be as crazy as its predecessor, but then again, if I am your go-to psychic, then you're screwed already. Here is what you can expect:

1 **is the new ____.** Orange is the new black, 45 will be the new 30, cannabis will be the new tobacco, prescription A.D.D. meds will be the new crack, and all will serve as criteria for Toronto's new mayoral candidates.

2 **Why so secretive?** Edward Snowden will gain enough public support to be exonerated for his alleged crimes, but will continue to find his friends a little stand-offish.

3 **Bad girls playing good.** Lindsay Lohan makes a comeback, generating Oscar buzz for her portrayal of a young Mother Teresa.



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4 **Baby mama once more.** Kim Kardashian will get pregnant again and give daddy Kanye West a son who shall be named Wild-Wild.

5 **Totally believable scenario.** Justin Bieber will pay German officials to retrieve his monkey, which will be trained to walk his new bulldog, pick up its poop and fling it at unattractive or overweight fans.

6 **Bad girls going God.** Miley Cyrus will make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Middle East, where she will consume the unknown fruit of a mysterious tree that will cause her to feel modesty and cover her nakedness with a fig leaf and a fragment of parchment. And army boots.

7 **X-actly what we need.** The X Factor USA judge Paulina Rubio will leave the show to judge The X Factor Mexico. She'll be replaced by Nicki Minaj for a win-win situation where Mexico gets a mentor whose insight can finally be understood, and the American version maintains the delicate balance of verbosely incoherent babbling.

8 **Bynum, by then.** Andrew Bynum, one of the NBA's most overpaid per-game players ever, will join the Miami Heat for the league minimum. Bynum's propensity for off-court shenanigans that lead to injury and his subsequent indifference will lead to his attempted strangling by team captain LeBron James during a nationally televised game. Bynum will sue for millions but will still manage to be bankrupt by 2015.

9 **Hollywood K.O.** 2013 brought the Knockout Game into public consciousness. It involves one person sucker-punching an unsuspecting victim while another films it for public consumption on YouTube. In 2014, the brutal pastime will spawn a new reality series where each week, a different Hollywood celebrity will be filmed sucker-punching Perez Hilton.

10 **Sounds about right.** Neither the Maple Leafs nor the Canadiens will earn a playoff berth in 2014. This may not be a revelation, but is more likely to come true than any of the above.

So, dear friends, remember to love like you've never been hurt and dance like no one's watching, but if you actually catch someone watching, put your clothes back on immediately. Happy new year!

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Martians-to-be shortlist announced



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75 Canucks make list

Since he was a young boy, eagerly devouring science fiction books, Stephen Fenech has dreamed of being an astronaut.

Now, the Toronto man is a bit closer to reaching his lofty dream after learning that he is one of 75 Canadians selected as a candidate for a one-way mission to Mars.

"I'm vacillating between excitement and terror," said the 45-year-old seasoned traveller, who's visited 160 countries. "When I imagine myself not just in another country but on a

whole other planet, I would be so jazzed about being there."

The mission is being organized by Mars One, a Dutch-based not-for-profit. On Monday it announced that of about 202,500 applicants worldwide, 1,058 hopefuls had been selected as potential candidates. They will be whittled down to a group of up to 40 people, who will then train for about seven years.

An unmanned mission is slated for 2018, with Lockheed Martin in charge of building the Mars lander.

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Retirement years

"I know I'd be the guinea pig.... And I know I'm taking a chance.... But the way I see it is that my life will be winding down at that point anyway, so I might as well do something that's so fulfilling, not just to me but to our entire race."

Stephen Fenech, who figures that by the time the mission takes place he will be close to retirement, and ready for a new chapter.

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The goal is for Mars One to send the first crew of four in 2024, with additional groups departing every two years. It's an ambitious — and costly — project. Getting the first group to Mars will cost \$6 billion, with every additional manned mission costing \$4 billion. To finance the endeavour, the private organization is relying on sponsors and public support. Just last month it launched a crowdfunding campaign. As well, there are ongoing negotiations with media companies for the rights to a reality-TV show that would track the training process.

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Another iOS Kickstarter success story, République arrived on the App Store to much fanfare before Christmas. A hugely ambitious episodic stealth-action adventure, wrestled down to iOS size, it puts you in the role of Hope as she is held captive in a building run by an unpleasant totalitarian government. Needless to say, her captivity is short-lived.

Controls tend to be the biggest obstacle when it comes to shoving an action game onto an iOS device, but République nimbly clears that hurdle with a simple one-touch interface. Navigating Hope through each level begins and ends with a single touch wherever you want to place her. Of course, this being a stealth game, you're equipped with a tool that allows you to view your surroundings and their patrolling enemies by hacking into security

cameras — once again with one-touch control.

The beautiful animation and convincing voice acting leaves little doubt that developer Camouflaj is hoping to force a huge evolution in touchscreen gaming, and the first instalment of République is a convincing case that they're onto something. (iOS/\$4.99)



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@metropicks asked: The Bacon Man, running for mayor in Windsor, Ont., is promising free funerals for all. What's your outlandish pledge?

@glenharnish: A free fishing rod every season and a lifetime fishing licence. #wheredolovote?

@NinjaBot42: Subways! Subways! Subways! What? Aw crap.

@Rob_Irvine_Jr: I would promise that the Maple Leafs win a Stanley Cup...

@JohnKleinRegina: free-ish funerals seems like a good idea. Making dead people pay never really seems just. #notoutlandish

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Synopsis

Out with the old and in with the new: 2013 contained many magnificent movie moments (and some bad ones as well, but let's not dwell on those) for the Reel Guys and it looks like 2014 will be just as bountiful. This week we gaze into our cinematic crystal balls and choose the films we're looking forward to in the new year.

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



On tap for 2014: Another RoboCop reboot. CONTRIBUTED

New year, new films

Lookahead. From The Equalizer to 50 Shades of Grey, the Reel Guys make their movie picks for 2014

Richard: Mark, years ago I loved a show called The Equalizer. It starred Edward Woodward as a private detective who helped people in need "equalize the odds." It was a cool show, and as much as movie versions of programs like The A-Team and Starsky and Hutch have disappointed, I'm looking forward to this. Denzel Washington is masterful at playing ambiguous antiheroes and re-teaming him with his Train-

ing Day director Antoine Fuqua seems like a good idea to me.

Mark: Richard, I don't know the show but I do like Denzel. I do like Fuqua and I do like the concept. One movie I am looking forward to is The Monuments Men with George Clooney, Matt Damon and John Goodman as civilians pressed into battle during the Second World War to save art treasures from the Nazis. This should hit all the bases for me.

RC: Clooney is always cool, and he also directed the movie, so I'm keen to see it. I'm also very excited for The Zero Theorem. Terry Gilliam says his new film is the third part of the trilogy he began with

Brazil and continued with 12 Monkeys. If that isn't enough, it stars Christoph Waltz and Matt Damon. And did I mention it sprung from the wild mind of Terry Gilliam?

MB: Reality check: Whose last movie was the unwatchable The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus. When Gilliam stinks he stinks up the whole room. Just saying.... If it's sci-fi you're looking for, how about the RoboCop reboot, a franchise that's had more reboots than an Ugg store? Or Transcendence, which has a Philip K. Dick meets Body Snatchers sound to it. Appeals to the paranoid side of my split personality Richard...

RC: I liked Parnassus! It was

like a Salvador Dali painting come to life! Gilliam Rules! But there are other things I'm looking forward to, like Maleficent. The creepy but beautiful Sleeping Beauty villain is a role Angelina Jolie's cheekbones were born to play. If the movie is as cool looking as the clips I've seen, I'll go for the art direction alone.

MB: Sure, but I think we're both ignoring what must be the Greatest Movie of 2014 — the cinematic adaptation of the great novel Fifty Shades of Grey. C'mon, Richard, admit it, you'll be second in line to see it, only because I got there the night before... and I understand James Franco is playing the handcuffs.

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The big films of a big 2014



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Remakes and sequels

Transformers: Age of Extinction (June 27)

Mark Wahlberg takes over for Shia LaBeouf as the human stand-in amidst Michael Bay's gargantuan metal extravaganza, now on its fourth installment. Fingers crossed for dinobots.

X-Men: Days of Future Past (May 23)

Bryan Singer steps back into the director's chair for the franchise he started 14 years ago, bringing together a massive cast combining actors from the original films and the most recent X-Men: First Class for a time-hopping storyline cribbed from the comics. It's almost too much to take.

Captain America: The Winter Soldier (April 4)

Chris Evans' Cap gets his first solo outing since The Avengers



in a story that pits him both against a mysterious terrorist with connections to his past and his own government, in the form of S.H.I.E.L.D. boss Alexander Pierce (Robert Redford).

Godzilla (May 16)

It's been more than 15 years since Roland Emmerich's go-at-the-giant monster franchise landed with a thud, so maybe it's safe to unleash the big green guy again, this time in a



The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (May 2)

Sony's holding on tight to its Marvel property, pitting current Spidey Andrew Garfield against a host of threats like Electro (Jamie Foxx), the Rhino (Paul Giamatti) and the Green Goblin. Plus, they've got a series of spin-off movies to launch.

film starring Bryan Cranston.

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (Jan. 17)

This Tom Clancy franchise reboot was supposed to hit

theatres this Christmas, but Paramount pushed it back a month. If anything, it should keep the latest Jack Ryan, Chris Pine, busy between Star Trek outings.

officially a movie star.

Maleficent (May 30)

While technically using an existing property, Disney is taking quite a risk by making one of their biggest baddies (embodied by Angelina Jolie) the main character of her own movie. Sleeping Beauty won't know what hit her.

More remake-quals

RoboCop, The Expendables 3, The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1, 22 Jump Street, Horrible Bosses 2, Muppets Most Wanted.

Big gambles

Noah (March 28)

Darren Aronofsky follows up Black Swan with a massive, super-expensive biblical epic starring Russell Crowe as the most famous ship-builder ever. A serious gamble for all involved, especially considering all of the sinking ship jokes critics could make if it falters.

Interstellar (Nov. 7)

All we know is that it's by Christopher Nolan and it involves wormholes and space travel and it stars, among others, Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway, Jessica Chastain and Michael Caine. So we're basically already there.

Guardians of the Galaxy (Aug. 1)

It's nice to see Marvel and Disney feeling free enough with their massive successes to get a little weird. This also-ran but beloved comic line features a talking, gun-toting raccoon (voiced by Bradley Cooper), an ambulatory tree and all sorts of other oddities, with the Avengers nowhere in sight. But it could just make Chris Pratt



Wes Anderson follows up the delightful Moonrise Kingdom with what appears to be the most Wes Anderson film of all time with a jam-packed cast including Ralph Fiennes, Tilda Swinton, Bill Murray, Edward Norton and Jude Law.

The Lego Movie (Feb. 7)

Possibly the most welcome film adaptation of a children's toy in movie history — call it the anti-Transformers — this animated adventure looks to be pop-culture-skewering fun, with Chris Pratt, Morgan Freeman and Liam Neeson leading an all-star voice cast.

Based on a bestseller

Divergent (March 21)

The presumptive next big sci-fi film franchise based on a young-adult book series kicks off with Shailene Woodley starring as a special girl challenging a dystopian society.

Gone Girl (Oct. 3)

David Fincher takes on Gillian Flynn's bestseller about a woman who disappears on her anniversary, with Ben Affleck and Rosamund Pike heading up an eclectic cast that also includes Neil Patrick Harris and Tyler Perry.

Unbroken (Dec. 25)

Christmas next year will bring Angelina Jolie's second film as a director, again with harrowing themes. This time it's the true-life tale of an Olympic runner and Japanese Second World War prisoner of war, from a book by the author of Seabiscuit.

Edge of Tomorrow (June 6)

Hiroshi Sakurazaka's futuristic novel All You Need Is Kill gets the big-screen treatment with Tom Cruise starring as a soldier caught in an alien war version of Groundhog Day.



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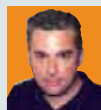
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If Facebook is any indication, many of you are reminiscing about the last 12 months. Not me. I'm all about the future and booze trends that will define 2014.

Gazing into my crystal wine goblet, I see Old World wines solidifying their comeback. I'm talking the juice squeezed out of France, Italy and Spain easing you out of your South American rut.

That's not to say the New World won't see brighter days. Australia will show signs of rejuvenation with smaller wineries from specific regions making their personalities known.

Whites will gain ground from reds, while red blends will continue to attract the palates of the population.

Wines from a box will be invited to the dinner table, and second-tier grapes like aglianico, albariño and garnacha will be on the tip of your tongue.

The most ground-breaking trend will be flavoured wines, especially those made with, wait for it, chocolate. Chocolate Shop Red (\$15.95 - \$15.99) and ChocolatRouge Sweet Red (\$13.99 - \$17.99) have already brought their confectionary flavour flow to store shelves. I guarantee that more will follow in 2014. **PRICES REFLECT RANGE ACROSS COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



Meet the star of the 2014 foodie scene

Predictions. Experts have checked the old crystal ball and report that the veggie of the year will be — wait for it — cauliflower



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Cauliflower is the new kale, salt is the new pepper and doughnuts and burgers are going gangbusters — at least, that's what food-trend watchers are predicting for 2014.

"I would say that cauliflower is the new kale and will definitely surpass kale this year," says Christine Couvelier, executive chef and global culinary trendologist. Cauliflower can be mashed, grilled, broiled or

Ingredients

- 1 head roasted garlic
- 1 1/2 lb Yukon Gold potatoes cut into wedges, unpeeled
- 1 lb raw cauliflower, broken into pieces
- 2 cups diced onions
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp sesame oil
- 1/4 cup 2% milk
- 3/4 cup frozen shelled edamame, blanched
- pinch of salt and pepper



This Roasted Potato Cauliflower and Edamame Mash serves 8. MIKE MCCOLL, FROM THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

cut in steaks and barbecued, served on its own or in salad or tossed with herbs and oils.

Here, it's teamed with edamame to add more nutrients and flavour to regular mashed potatoes. Roasting the vegetables brings out a more intense flavour than boiling, as does the addition of sweet caramelized onions.

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Line a baking sheet with foil sprayed

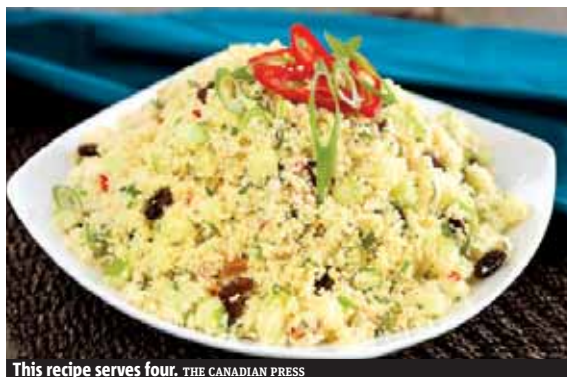
with vegetable oil. Cut the top off the garlic head and wrap with foil and place on the baking sheet along with the potato and cauliflower. Spray the vegetables with vegetable oil. Roast for 30 minutes or just until tender, turning occasionally. Squeeze out the cloves of garlic.

2. Meanwhile, add onions to a skillet along with the vegetable oil and sauté on medium heat for 10 minutes just until tender.

Add the brown sugar and sauté for another 5 minutes.

3. Mash potato wedges with skin in a large bowl. Place the cauliflower in a food processor along with the olive oil, sesame oil and milk and purée. Add to the mashed potatoes along with the onions, garlic cloves and edamame. Add the salt and pepper. **THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN/FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Cauliflower 'couscous' in three steps



This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS

1. Finely chop half chili; set aside. Thinly slice remaining half; set aside for garnish.

2. Place cauliflower in food processor and pulse until size of grains of couscous.

3. In bowl, combine garlic, olive oil, vinegar, curry, reserved chopped chili, salt and pepper. Stir. Add cauliflower "couscous" and toss to coat. Add apple, green onions, almonds, raisins and mint. Toss to combine. Garnish with sliced chili.

Ingredients

- 1 fresh red finger chili
- 1 head cauliflower, cut into florets
- 1 small garlic clove, minced
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) olive oil
- 30 to 45 ml (2 to 3 tbsp) apple cider vinegar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) curry powder
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 1 Granny Smith apple, diced
- 2 green onions, sliced
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) toasted slivered almonds
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) raisins
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) chopped mint

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FunnyFest

Do you think you're a funny person? Starting on Jan. 7, you can take part in a comedy workshop presented by FunnyFest. The Secrets of Stand Up Comedy workshop will be happening every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and runs for six weeks. At these sessions you'll learn how to deliver comedy to a crowd and how to write your own material. At the end of the sessions you'll perform your very own stand-up routine for your peers. Visit learncomedy.com or email info@funnyfest.com.



Unbridled

Cathy Simone's solo exhibition will be on display starting Jan. 8 at Loughheed House. Simone is an equine photographer whose work beautifully captures the spirit of her subjects. Unbridled will be part of the Exposure Festival, which starts early next month. Now going into its third year, the festival celebrates the photography of artists in the Calgary, Banff and Canmore areas. You can expect to see lots of photography shows popping up around the city closer to the end of the month. loughheedhouse.com



The Summit

On Jan. 8, Documentary Soup will be screening their feature film called The Summit. The film tells the story of 24 climbers who made it to the High Camp of K2 (the final stop before reaching the summit of the most perilous mountain on earth). In a matter of days, the climbers' adventure takes a disastrous turn when 11 of the 24 perish or simply disappear. This riveting film explores the climbers' code of ethics and one of the most dangerous hobbies known to man. Tickets are \$13. calgary-film.com



A Brimful of Asha

From Jan. 9 to Jan. 11 you can experience a hilarious story about cultural clashes. Ravi's traditional parents are concerned that time is running out for their son to find a match, so they go to work finding him a suitable Indian girl for him to marry. Ravi is less than happy about the situation. This two-person play is comprised of a real-life mother and son team, which makes the story all the more interesting. Tickets are \$35 and the play runs for 90 minutes. epcorcentre.org



The Music Man

Brought to you by the University of Calgary Operetta Company, the Music Man tells the tale of a smooth-talking con artist named Harold Hill who makes his money conning the people of River City into buying musical instruments for a boys' band that he has promised to organize. This ruse should be a challenge to pull off for Harold, considering he doesn't know how to play a single instrument. The cast features 50 musicians and an orchestra of 27. Tickets are \$20. 403-220-7202. Play starts Jan. 9.



J Cole

This American hip-hop superstar was one of the first artists to be added to Jay-Z's Roc-A-Fella record label roster. Cole wowed fans with his first album, and he's now back on tour with a second self-produced album called Born Sinner, which was released earlier this summer. Born Sinner hit No. 1 on the Billboard Charts this year and features hit singles like Power Trip. Cole will be at the Big Four building on Jan. 17. You can purchase tickets online at unionevents.com.

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Canada's Anthony Mantha celebrates scoring against Switzerland in Malmo, Sweden, on Thursday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada cuts through Swiss to get to semis

World juniors. Canucks move on to face Finland

Anthony Mantha has Canada a win away from reaching the final at the world junior hockey championship.

Mantha got the game-winner on a penalty shot while defenceman Griffin Reinhart added a goal and an assist as Canada beat Switzerland 4-1 on Thursday to reach the semi-final round.

The Canadians will face Finland, which rallied for a 5-3 quarter-final win over the

Quarter-final round

4

Canada

1

Switzerland

Czech Republic on Saturday at Malmo Arena.

"They're a good team — we saw that in the exhibition game," said Reinhart, whose team dominated the final two periods of a pre-tournament game against the Finns on

Dec. 20. "Every team now is going to be a hard game.

"It'll take a lot of discipline and you've got to stick to your systems."

Forward Curtis Lazar and defenceman Derrick Pouliot also scored for Canada, which had only one Matthew Dumba goal from its back end in four previous tournament games.

The Finns promise to give Canada a similar test to the Swiss, with the accent on team play and defence. But Finland has some dangerous shooters led by ace playmaker Teuvo Teravainen.

"It's going to be an intense

game and there's nothing more to it," said Lazar, who has scored in three straight games. "We're both trying to get into the final but we have to take it a step at a time and keep playing our Canadian brand of hockey.

"We played them in pre-competition, so we'll have to go over video and see if they've changed something up but the main thing is to focus on our own game. There's not much room for error so we have to bring our A-game."

Canada improved to 20-0-0 all-time against the Swiss.

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World juniors

Russia knocks off reigning champs

Russia beat the United States 5-3 in quarter-final play at the world junior hockey championship on Thursday, rallying to take the lead on Nikita Zadorov's two power-play goals.

Zadorov scored on 5-on-3 advantages in a 1:01 span in the second period to give Russia a 4-3 lead.

Russia will face Sweden, a 6-0 winner over Slovakia, in the semifinals Saturday.

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FIFA

President finds divers 'irritating'

FIFA president Sepp Blatter wants to clamp down on play-acting in soccer by introducing an unofficial sin-bin for players who feign injury.

In his column for FIFA Weekly entitled "Stop the amateur dramatics," the head of world football's governing body said he finds it "deeply irritating" when "the (supposedly) half-dead player comes back to life as soon as they have left the pitch."

Blatter urged referees to make these players wait on the touchline so their absence has an effect on their team.

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The president of FIFA wants to make divers pay. GETTY IMAGES FILE



Christine Nesbitt GETTY IMAGES FILE

Nesbitt peaking for Olympics

Everything seems to be coming together for Christine Nesbitt after an uncharacteristically difficult start to the speedskating season.

The Olympic gold medallist from London, Ont., won her third distance at the Canadian Olympic trials on Thursday, taking the 1,500 metres with a time of one minute 55.74 seconds.

"I'm really happy. I haven't raced in two months so I feel strong and fit but it's different when you go to race," said Nesbitt. "You never really know

Quoted

"Everything was kind of shuffled around to make sure that I'm on the upswing towards the Olympics, which is exactly how I feel right now."

Christine Nesbitt, Olympic speedskating gold medallist

how that's going to translate so I had four great races this week and I'm really excited about it."

The 1,500 will be Nesbitt's third distance at the Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, after winning the 500 and 1,000 metres earlier in the competi-

tion.

Nesbitt finished ahead of Kali Christ of Regina, who had a time of 1:56.21, and Brianne Tutt of Airdrie, Alta., at 1:59.46.

More accustomed to standing on top of the podium on the World Cup circuit, especial-

ly in the 1,000 where she's the defending Olympic champion, Nesbitt has had her struggles this season.

She managed disappointing 10th and 12th places in her marquee distance this year in the season's first two World Cup stops in Calgary and in Salt Lake City, Utah. After that, she decided to sit out the next two stops in Kazakhstan and Germany but feels things are coming back together.

Canada's speedskating team will officially be announced on Jan. 22. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

No matter how outrageous your ideas may seem to some, you must trust your instincts and follow up on them. Allow your inner voice to guide you and don't be surprised when it all works out perfectly.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

The planets will present a solution to a problem you thought was here to stay. You should know that everything worth knowing is revealed over time, so be patient.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

It seems you have been talking at cross purposes with a loved one and that is why you have not been getting along. It is time to sit down and be honest with one another. Yes, of course you can be friends again.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Your mind is extraordinarily active at the moment and that's good, but make sure you write down any insights you have, otherwise you may forget them by the end of the day.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Do something creative today. The current cosmic climate makes it easy for you to give form to your ideas. It also makes it easy for you to impress important people.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Something that made no sense before will make perfect sense today. Most likely the thing itself has not changed but the way you look at it has. Next time, try listening to what friends try to tell you.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Even if you are one of those rare Librans who prefers to keep thoughts private, you will have plenty to say today. The only danger is you may reveal too much valuable information.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

News you have been waiting for will arrive today and put an end to a worrying phase. Whether the news is good or bad is unimportant. What matters is that at last you know where you stand.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Whatever you decide over the next two or three days will have a major effect on your future, so think ahead and make sure you are embarking on a course that is right for you. Don't listen to others, listen to yourself.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Try not to live in the past or lament your mistakes, because what happens next will make up for what you appear to have lost. Resolve to always look forward and never look back.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You appear to believe that the whole wide world is against you. Stop the foolish imaginings and look on the bright side for a change. Life is what you choose to make of it.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

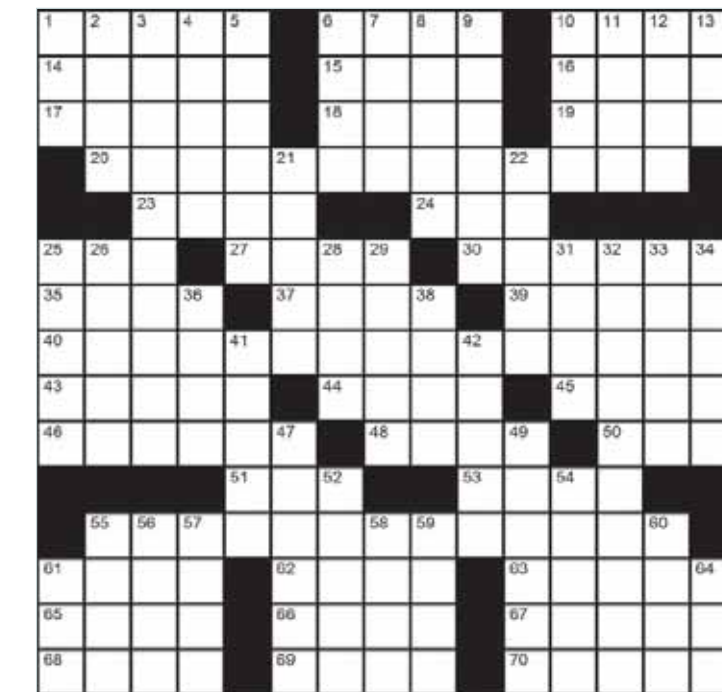
Whatever your special talent is, put it to good use. If a chance arises in your work or career, grab it with both hands and don't worry that you may not be up to the task. You'll ace it.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Tug-___
- Stars in movies
- Serving need
- Patriot Games (1992) producer, Robert ___
- Target hitter in a bar game
- Lively
- Canadian singer/songwriter Sarah
- Wing-shaped
- Wreck
- Calgary Flames great in the Hockey Hall of Fame: 2 wds.
- Chinook salmon
- Tokyo, formerly
- Little bark
- 19th Greek alphabet letters
- Manicurist's lacquer
- Nike slogan, "Just ___"
- Parking place
- School: French
- Current award-winning novel by Canadian author Colleen McAdam: 3 wds.
- Cantaloupe, for one
- Mork's greeting, partially
- ___ about
- Introduces more to the mix: 2 wds.
- Tapes shows (abbr.)
- Belonging to Nashville's li'l state



- Flooring choice
- Flew the ___ (Went away)
- Lotto Max purchaser's dream: 2 wds.
- Earring spot
- Stead
- "I'll take ___ check."
- Car rental com-

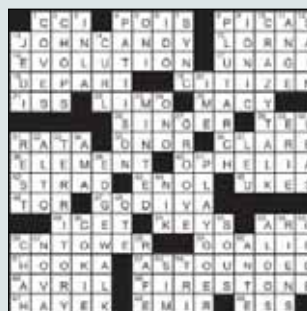
- panty
- Immature news
- Elaine __, Marilu Henner's Taxi character
- Outperform
- Escritoire
- Stranded, as a castaway
- Down
- Hosp. sites

- Tumbled
- The Guess Who album: ___ Soul
- Love Is ___-Splendored Thing (1955)
- Milk curdling substance
- Eve's beloved
- Advanced math course, for short
- 'T' of NAFTA

- Walked confidently
- Ms. Banks
- Actor Mr. Julia
- Desert's climate
- Yearning
- Bread-making ingredient
- Musical group of nine
- Commander ___ (Lorne Greene's

- Battlestar Galactica role)
- Cloaked
- ___ Smoke (1978) starring Cheech And Chong
- To date: 2 wds.
- Prefix to "bat" (Circus performer)
- City which is Newfoundland's second largest after St. John's: 2 wds.
- Musicdom's Sir John
- Glassmaking ovens
- New Mexico's artsy town
- Song
- Barbara Stanwyck movie, ___ Pacific (1939)
- Soap opera legend Susan
- Used a hammer
- "___!" (You're not the only one who is capable!)
- Songbook standard: Mack the ___
- Gumbo ingredients
- Created tapestries
- Nile wader
- Bird's bed
- Becomes
- 1979 Fleetwood Mac album
- The ___ Is High by Blondie
- Research ___
- Agreement sign

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



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MIN: -15°



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MIN: -31°



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